Lake Erie Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

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Analysis

The *Microcystis* cyanobacteria bloom continues in the western basin of Lake Erie. Recent satellite imagery (8/25) shows the bloom extends from Maumee Bay north along the Michigan coast, to Brest Bay, east along the Ohio coast passed the Marblehead Peninsula; offshore through the Bass Islands, and east of Pelee Island. Observed conditions (8/23-25) promoted southeast transport and mixing of the highest surface bloom concentrations near Maumee Bay. Measured toxin concentrations may still exceeding the recreational threshold where the bloom is most dense (appearing green from a boat), corresponding with areas of orange and red pixels. *Keep pets and yourself out of the water in areas where scum is forming*. The persistent cyanobacteria bloom in Sandusky Bay continues. No other blooms are present in Lake Erie.

Forecasts

Winds (9-30 kn) forecast today through Thursday (8/26-29) will promote mixing and eastward transport of surface *Microcystis* concentrations. -Davis, Keeney

Additional Resources

To find a safe place for recreation, visit the Ohio DOH "BeachGuard" site: *http://publicapps.odh.ohio.gov/beachguardpublic/*
Ohio EPA's site on harmful algal blooms: *http://epa.ohio.gov/HAB-Algae*
NOAA's GLERL provides additional HAB data here: *http://www.glerl.noaa.gov/res/HABs_and_Hypoxia*

The images below are "GeoPDF". Please visit https://go.usa.gov/xReTC for instructions on viewing longitude and latitude.

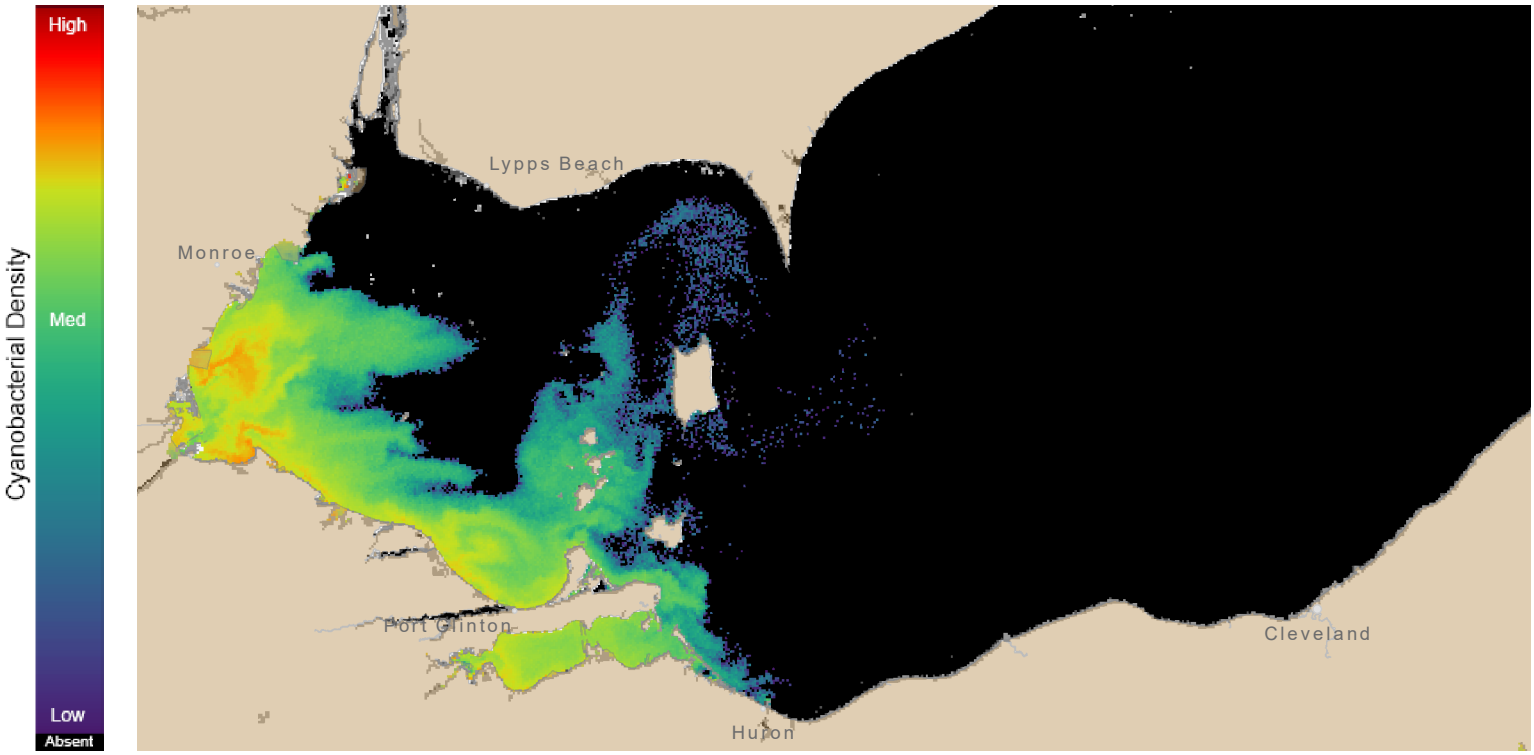
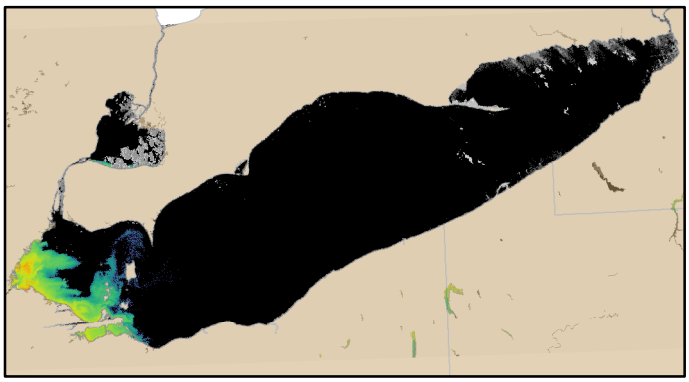


Figure 1. Cyanobacterial Index from modified Copernicus Sentinel 3 data collected 25 August, 2019 at 11:57 EST. Grey indicates clouds or missing data. The estimated threshold for cyanobacteria detection is 20,000 cells/mL.



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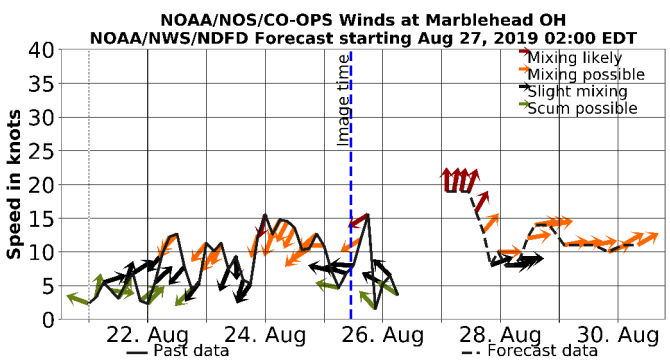

Wind speed and direction from Marblehead, OH. Blooms mix through the water column at wind speeds greater than 15 knots (or 7.7 m/s).

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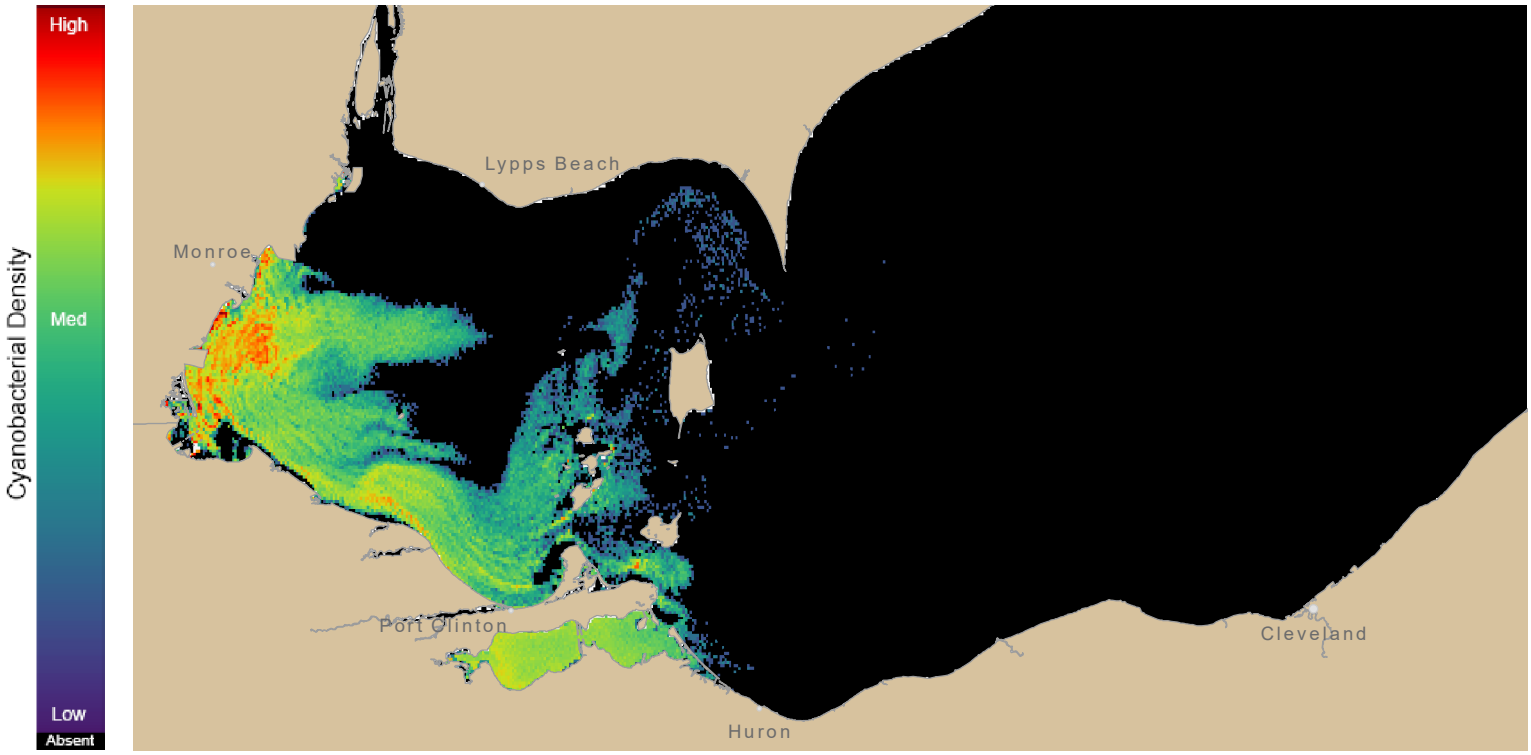


Figure 3. Nowcast position of bloom for 26 August, 2019 using LEOFS modelled currents to move the bloom from the 25 August, 2019

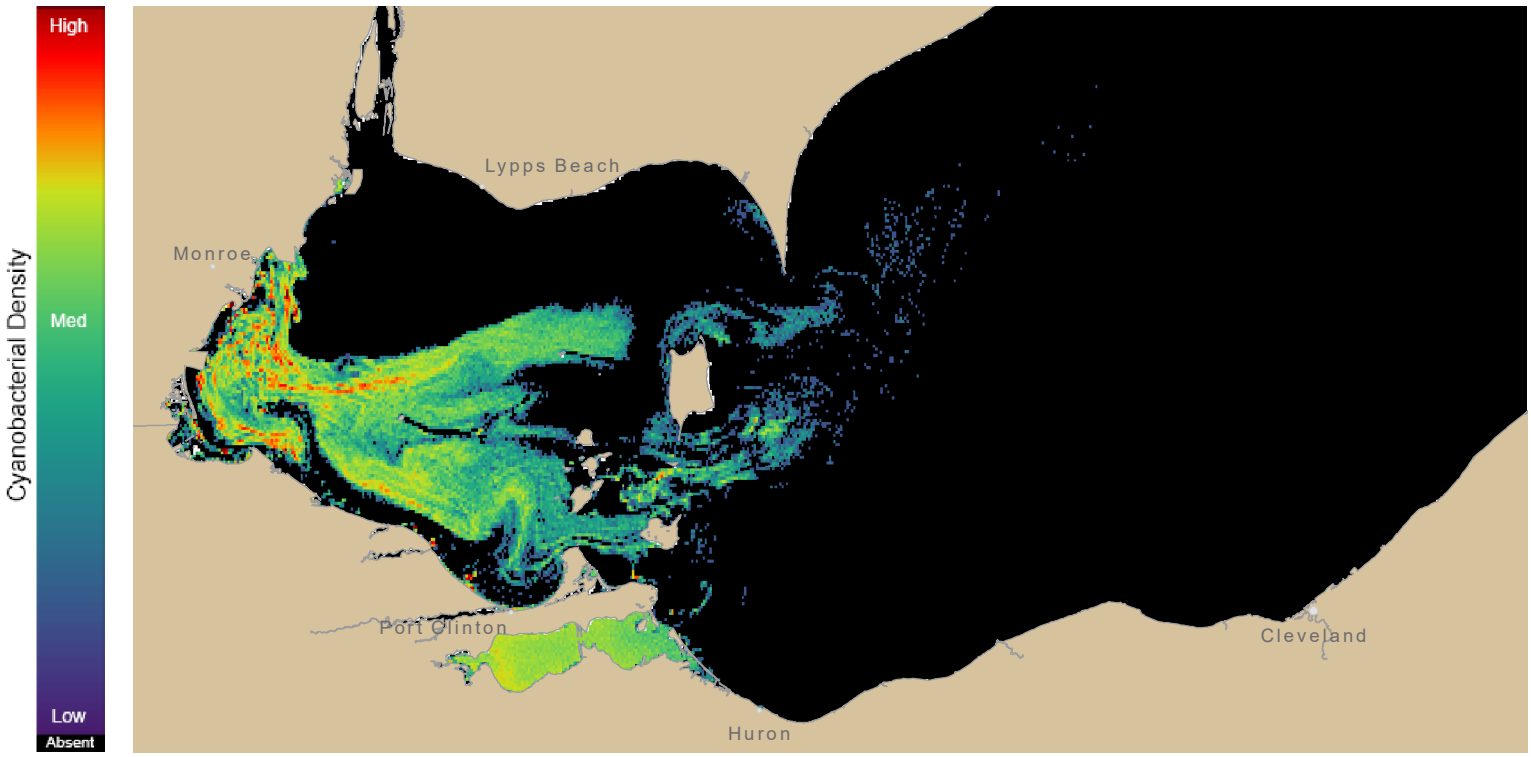
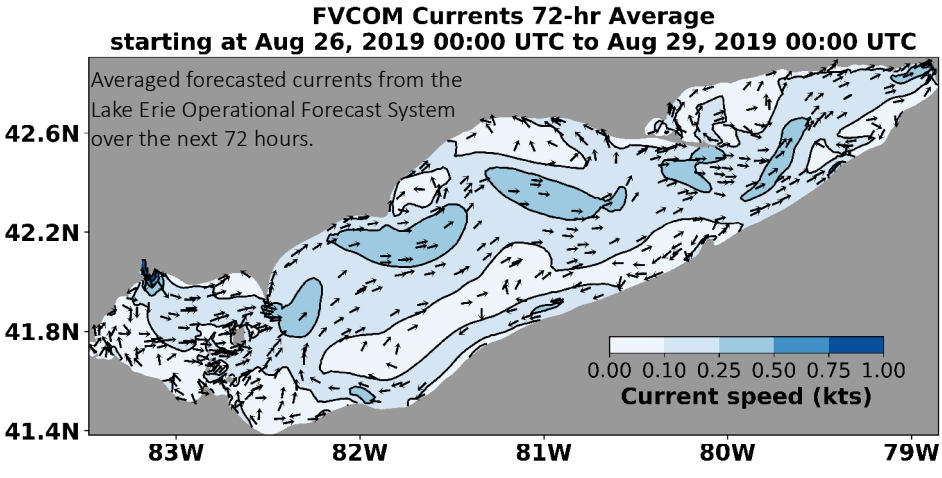


Figure 4. Forecast position of bloom for 29 August, 2019 using LEOFS modelled currents to move the bloom from the 25 August, 2019



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